

## 5. Cloze type

A passage is given with a few words missing in it and the learners have to supply the right words. These words may be prepositions, articles, linkers or relative pronouns. Clues to answers may or may not be given. In both cases, students can only attend the cloze type tests and answer correctly if they understand well the context and have the basic knowledge in how the prepositions, the linkers, the relative pronouns, the articles etc. function in a sentence.

### Question 1 (From SCERT Question Pool)

**Supply the missing words in the following passage.**

A small group / (a) men are waiting in a queue outside / (b) bakery to buy nan. The outline of buildings / (c) the street is seen in the distance. Ali is seen coming out / (d) the bakery into the footpath, the parcel of nan in his right hand and the parcel of shoes in his left.

**(the, into, of, in, from)**

### Question 2

**Supply the missing words in the following passage.**

Vanka sighed, dipped his pen \_\_\_\_\_(a) the ink, and went on writing: 'And yesterday I had such \_\_\_\_\_(b) hiding. The mother took me \_\_\_\_\_(c) the hair and dragged me out \_\_\_\_\_(d) the yard'.

**(a, into, for, in, by)**

### Question 3

**Supply the missing words in the following passage where '/' is given.**

Malala Yousafzai was born / (a) July 12, 1997, in Mingora, Pakistan. As a child, she became / (b) advocate of girls' education. On October 9, 2012, a gunman shot Malala / (c) she was travelling home from school. She survived and continued / (d) speak out on the importance of education. She was awarded / (e) Nobel Peace Prize in 2014.

### Question 4

**Supply the missing words in the following passage.**

Martha was very sad. She never expected such / (a) tragedy. She cried a lot. The principal was adamant. He told her / (b) bring fifteen dollars the next day. She was born / (c) a poor family. So it was unable for her to bring / (d) money.

### **Question 5**

**Supply the missing words in the following passage.**

Adolf always dreamt of hopping / (a) the world of domestication into the unrestrained world of wildness. His wanderings cost him / (b) shock. At the yard, a cat glowered / (c) him. The children and the mother had to run out / (d) save it. Though mother complained about Adolf, she reared it like her own child.

**(on, at, a, and, the, to, from)**

### **Question 6**

**Supply the missing words in the passage where / is given.**

Let him go straight / (a) the forest at sunrise. In the forest a river will appear; let him swim / (b) the river to the other side. There he will find a she-bear and her cubs. Let him take / (c) cubs from her and run up the mountain / (d) them, without once looking back. / (e) the top of the mountain, he will see a house and will find happiness.

**(across, with, into, in, on, the)**

### **Question 7**

**Supply the missing words in the passage where / is given.**

The snake turned its head. It looked / (a) the mirror and saw its reflection. I do not claim that it was / (b) first snake that had ever looked into / (c) mirror. But it was certain that the snake was looking into the mirror. Was it trying to make / (d) important decision about growing a moustache or using eye shadow?

**(a, into, an, the, by, at)**

### **Question 8**

**Supply the missing words in the passage where / is given.**

Last November our school arranged a tour / (a) Agra especially to see the Taj Mahal. All of us know / (b) it is a world famous monument built / (c) Shahjahan in memory / (d) his beloved queen, Mumtaz Mahal. It is built / (e) the bank of river Yamuna.

**(on, by, of, that, to)**

### **Question 9** (From Orukkam 2017)

The doctor lived....a....a rented house.....b....was not electrified. He did not have good medical practice.....c.....his earnings were very less. He....d....a great admirer of beauty and spent hours in front of the mirror.

**( on, in, which, who, and, but, was, were)**

### Question 10

Vanka recollects his memory.....a.....grandfather. He....b....high regard for his grandfather. But his grandfather wants to live a cheerful life and doesn't want to take any responsibilities. He likes to spend time fooling around with the maids. He holds out the snuff box to the women and makes.....c.....sneeze. Grandfather breaks out into laughter....d.....shouts 'good for frozen nose'.  
**(about, for, has, have, them, him but, and)**

### Question 11

Many of us....a....enjoyed a visit.....b.....the zoo and regard it as a fun day out. Seeing real tigers and elephants can be very interesting. But how.....c.....people stop and wonder that the animals themselves....d.....suffering unnecessarily.  
**(has, have, to, on, much, many, is, are)**

### Question 12

Satyajith Ray.....a.....a Bengali filmmaker.....b.....is widely regarded as one of the greatest.....c.....of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Ray was born....d....the city of Calcutta into a Bengali family prominent in the world of arts and literature. He started his career as a commercial artist.....e....was drawn into independent film making.....f....meeting French filmmaker Jean Renoir.  
**(was, were, who, which, filmmaker, filmmakers, on, in, but, and, from, after)**

### Question 13

All of those stories make me....a....I am. But to insist on only.....b.....negative stories to flatten.....c.....experience. The single stories create stereotypes and the problem....d.....stereotypes is not that are untrue, but that they are incomplete.  
**(who, which, this, these, my, their, at, with)**

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## Answers

**Question 1:** a) of b) the c) in d) from

**Question 2:** a) in b) a c) by d) into

**Question 3:** a) on b) an c) while d) to e) the

**Question 4:** a) a b) to c) in d) the

**Question 5:** a) from b) a c) at d) to

**Question 6:** a) into b) across c) the d) while e) on

**Question 7:** a) into b) the c) a d) an

**Question 8:** a) to b) that c) by d) of e) on

**Question 9:** a) in b) which c) and d) was

**Question 10:** a) about b) has c) them d) and

**Question 11:** a) have b) to c) many d) are

**Question 12:** a) was b) who c) filmmakers d) in e) but f) after

**Question 13:** a) who b) these c) my d) with.

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